



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 13**

**Meeting Date:** April 20, 2007

**Meeting Location:** Monroe County DCS

#### **Council Members Present:**

Debbie Dailey, Brown, Owen, and Greene County Acting Director, Angie Baugh, Owen County Foster Parent; Lindsey Smith, Monroe County Director; Steve Adams, Lawrence County Director; Jack Maxwell, FCM, DCS Lawrence County; Kelly Leonard, Greene County CASA.

#### **Council Members Absent:**

Ruth Alewine, SW Regional Manager; Judge Erik Allen, Greene County Circuit Court; Judge David Welch, Monroe County Court; Stephanie Raventos, Supervisor, Owen County.

#### **Others In Attendance:**

Susan Ford, Ireland Home Based; Julie Miller, Ireland Home Based; Heather Barnett,, The Villages, Cheri Slover, Supervisor, Greene County;

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1. **Welcome and Introductions :** Debbie Dailey conducted the meeting in Ruth Alewine's absence. Debbie introduced herself, and asked the attendees to introduce themselves as well.
2. **Review of March Meeting Minutes:** Debbie Dailey asked if there were any changes or additions to be made to the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting. There were no questions, additions, or changes presented. A motion was made by Jack Maxwell, and seconded by Lindsey Smith, to accept the minutes as approved. The minutes from the March RSC meeting will stand.
3. **New Members discussion and approval :** Debbie Dailey announced that Judge Stewart from Brown County has decided to accept the offer to be added to the Council. Lindsey Smith made the motion to accept Judge Stewart to the Council, and the motion was seconded by Steve Adams. The motion was carried and will stand.

#### **4. Community Partners Program Updates:**

**A. Financial Report:** Susan Ford, and Julie Miller presented the council with the March Monthly Summary Report. They stated that the report shows the number of billable hours during March. They further stated that the total amount of the hard service dollars spent was \$540.00; (\$200.00 from Monroe County cases, and \$340.00 from other counties). They further stated that the hard service dollars spent went primarily to assist with utility costs and one car repair. Susan explained that Dr. Ireland is still working on providing a more extensive budget report as requested by the council.

**B. Status of referrals from DCS and community:** The monthly summary report showed that there were 25 new referrals in the month of March. Sources included DCS, Trustee's office, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, some public schools, and self-referrals. There were only 3 referrals that were not opened due to the client's refusal to initiate services.

Susan Ford stated that she has recently met with Probation and that they are looking to refer Community Partners to their clients. Susan further stated that Community Partners is always open to the idea of any upcoming events in the county communities. Upcoming, they will be setting up a booth during the Celebration of Families in Monroe County on April 28, and will be available to talk to the community about their services. Both Julie and Susan asked the council to let them know of any upcoming activity or event, and that they would be glad to participate.

Susan and Julie stated that there were some brochures that were mailed to the counties, but council members reported that not all were received. Susan and Julie said that they had about 1500 brochures and 50 posters coming, and that they would be hand delivered to ensure delivery and avoid losing them in the mail.

5. **Additional Child Welfare Services Grants from counties** : Cheri Slover presented to the council a \$2000 Grant Proposal by Healthy Families for an Educational and Parental Interactive Program for children ages 0-5 years. The grant would provide educational and interactive items that can be left with the family to use on a daily basis. The grant would also allow for the purchase of basic miscellaneous items needed for the program, to include appropriate hygiene care products.

Lindsey Smith moved to accept the grant as presented. It was seconded by Kelly Leonard. Motion was carried.

Cheri further stated she received a call regarding a request for service dollars available for a 4-H/Purdue Extension project aimed at proper handling of fire arms and gun safety. The program teaches children 8-18 years of age the five areas of safety and proper handling of fire arms. This would include bb-guns, paint balls, and also includes archery.

The council reflected on the recent tragedies that took place at Virginia Tech, and the overall concern of children bringing guns and other weaponry into the schools. The council unanimously agreed that such a program to instruct on the proper handling and rules of gun safety would be good use of the service dollars. Cheri Slover was asked by the council to obtain a proposal amount that 4-H would need for this program, and to let the council know.

Cheri also discussed the \$10,000 proposal by Healthy Families to obtain car seats. Cheri stated that Healthy Families met with their advisory board, and was told they could not approve the request for the \$10,000 proposal. Debbie Dailey stated that there still may be some way of working this out. More information to follow.

Cheri also discussed a request from Purdue Extension Office for an incentive plan for Completion For Success / Families Working Together. Details and the amount of money requested will be presented to the council at a future meeting.

- 6. Child and Family Team Meetings :** Debbie Dailey reiterated Ruth Alewine's message regarding the importance of setting up in service meetings as was discussed at the last Supervisor Meeting.

Ruth Alewine plans to invite two guests from Central Office for meetings planned for late June or July.

Debbie stressed that council members should be talking to anyone who may have interest in participating in the meetings to include: CASA/GALS, Defense Attorneys, Judges, and Foster Parents.

- 7. Question/Comments from RSC Members :** Lindsey Smith invited the council members to attend the Candlelight Vigil taking place in Bloomington on April 26. He explained the activity would begin with a march from the Sample Gates at Indiana University to the Monroe County Courthouse. Guest speakers will be available and a soloist will perform. Lindsey stated a lot of public awareness about the Monroe County's April festivities had been made and that Monroe County was hopeful to have a good public response and participation.

Lindsey also discussed the CASA Appreciation Luncheon that took place on April 12. The purpose of the luncheon was to bridge the gap and strengthen the relationship between Department of Child Services and CASA. The luncheon was well planned and received many favorable responses.

Steve Adams, invited the council members to Lawrence County to attend and hear their guest speaker, Tony Laske on April 25. For more information about this event, Steve asked everyone to contact him email: [steve.adams@dcs.in.gov](mailto:steve.adams@dcs.in.gov)

- 8. Comments from the public :** N/A

**Next Meeting Date, Location and Time:** May 18,, 2007, Monroe County  
DCS.

**The meeting was adjourned**